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Contractor License Revocations

~ Board imposes nearly \$166,000 in fines for legal violations ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 20 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, August 24. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup."

Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

ROBIN C. COOPER trading as R.C. COOPER & SONS PLUMBING & HEATING FREDERICKSBURG, VA

File Number 2004-01578

COMPLAINANT – Multiple (12) complainants from Augustine subdivision (Stafford, VA) VIOLATIONS – Cooper failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; abandoned the projects; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705009441 and a \$64,200 fine.

WILLIAM B. BURKE trading as TRADITIONAL CONSTRUCTION RUBY, VA

File Number 2004-01970

COMPLAINANT – Crystal and Bartley Gilmore (Stafford, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Burke failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; contracted with an improperly or unlicensed subcontractor; and engaged in negligence and/or incompetence by performing work containing deficiencies.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705038496 and a \$5,750 fine.

DAVID'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC.

LAKE RIDGE, VA

File Number 2004-00925

COMPLAINANT - Perry Gaskins (Manassas Park, VA)

VIOLATIONS – David's failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to obtain the required building permits; and failed to complete work for which it contracted. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073274 and a \$2,700 fine.

File Number 2004-02568

VIOLATIONS – David's violated §54.1-1100 of the *Code of Virginia* by having a "substantial identity of interest" with a contractor whose license had been revoked.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705073274.

File Number 2004-02671

COMPLAINANT – Sam Banks (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – David's failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073274 and a \$2,750 fine.

File Number 2004-02966

COMPLAINANT – Deborah and Michael Moscoso (Dumfries, VA)

VIOLATIONS – David's failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705073274 and a \$3,950 fine.

C&B ROOFING, INC.

MANASSAS, VA

File Number 2003-00071

COMPLAINANT – Elizabeth Harris (Fairfax, VA)

VIOLATIONS – C&B failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705007179 and a \$1,000 fine.

AMERICANA CONTRACTORS LLC

ALEXANDRIA, VA

File Number 2004-02090

COMPLAINANT – Suzanne Hamilton (Great Falls, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Americana failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to obtain a new license upon a change in business entity.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070879 and a \$5,850 fine.

File Number 2004-02524

COMPLAINANT – Georgana Sutphin (Nokesville)

VIOLATIONS – Americana failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070879 and a \$7,850 fine.

File Number 2004-03234

COMPLAINANT – Karen White (Manassas, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Americana failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to comply with the terms of the contract; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070879 and a \$5,700 fine.

MITCHELL HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

ALEXANDRIA, VA

File Number 2003-01179

COMPLAINANT – Jannine Hazel, Deputy Director of Code Enforcement, City of Alexandria VIOLATIONS – Horn's misdemeanor conviction violates the Board's statute and regulations. In addition, Horn falsified a certificate of occupancy and failed to notify the Board of the misdemeanor conviction.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2701035909 and a \$7,500 fine.

THOMAS E. DOOLEY trading as CENTURY ROOFING VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2003-01343

COMPLAINANT – George Bolis (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Dooley failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; failed to obtain the required building permit; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; engaged in gross negligence by performing work containing deficiencies; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705043525 and a \$10,550 fine.

JIMMY CHRISTOPHER BOYKIN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2003-02238

COMPLAINANT – Tammy and Chris Moore (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Boykin practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain the required building permit; engaged in negligence and/or incompetence by performing work containing deficiencies; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705061660 and a \$8,800 fine.

SUSAN CAROLE RIGGS trading as WINDOWS UNLIMITED & CUSTOM REMODELING VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2004-01028

COMPLAINANT – Nikki Harris (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Riggs failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705053473 and a \$2,750 fine.

THEODORE L. EVANS trading as EVANS HOME BUILDING HAMPTON, VA

File Number 2004-01518

COMPLAINANT – Beulah and Wallace Davis (Williamsburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Evans failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in negligence by performing work containing deficiencies; failed to complete work for which he contracted; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705038443 and a \$7,500 fine.

RICKY WALTON trading as WALTON'S BUILDING CONTRACTOR VINTON, VA

File Number 2003-03255

COMPLAINANT – David Lesniak (Copper Hill, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Walton failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; engaged in misconduct by performing work containing deficiencies; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705035370 and a \$4,750 fine.

BEDFORD CONTINUOUS GUTTER, INC. VINTON, VA

File Number 2003-03371

COMPLAINANT – Mary Pandolfini and Tony James (Troutville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Bedford failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705022129 and a \$8.200 fine.

CALIFORNIA BUILDERS, INC. CABIN JOHN, MD

File Number 2003-00085

COMPLAINANT – Deborah and Levi Folly (Heathsville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – California Builders failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to comply with orders of the building official; engaged in misrepresentation; and contracted with an improperly or unlicensed subcontractor.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2701025866 and a \$6,350 fine.

BOTANICAL CONCEPTS, INC. RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2003-01823

COMPLAINANT – T.D. Watkins, III (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Botanical failed to satisfy a court judgment; failed to notify the Board of a change of address; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705054092 and a \$6,000 fine.

STANLEY LEWIS HOLMES trading as HOLMES REMODELING & CONSTRUCTION RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2004-02023

COMPLAINANT – Annie Cousins (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Holmes failed to use a written contract; retained funds related to uncompleted work; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705069902 and a \$3,500 fine.

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About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 265,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses over 90,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

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